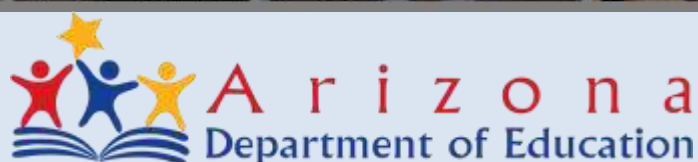


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Welcome to the start of the school year and the August 2015 edition of Arts Education E-news! This newsletter is created by the Arizona Department of Education for updates on arts education happenings in Arizona and across the country.

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2015-2016 STUDENT ARTWORK COMPETITION: I AM PROUD TO BE AN ARIZONAN



The Arizona Department of Education is proud to sponsor our 5th Annual Student Artwork Competition. Our 2015-2016 Theme: **I am proud to be an Arizonan**. Entries are due October 29– November 6, 2015.

You can find the guidelines and rules for the 2015-2016 Competition online [here](#). 2014-2015 Student Artwork is still on display at the Department’s buildings in Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson. Thanks again for sharing your students’ fabulous work with our employees!

2015 ARIZONA ARTS STANDARDS ONLINE – MULTIPLE FORMATS NOW AVAILABLE

On May 18, 2015, the Arizona State Board of Education unanimously adopted a new set of arts standards for Arizona. You can find the standards [online here](#). All the disciplines (dance, media arts, music, theatre and visual arts) have their standards available in .pdf format on the site. **NEW: the Department is working to post Word documents and K-5, 6-High School variations of the standards to make them easier for your use.** Check out the website and see if the documents you need are now available. If not – bookmark the site and check back – Word versions of all the standards will be available by the end of August for your planning needs!

UPDATES FROM ARIZONA'S PROFESSIONAL ARTS EDUCATION SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Arizona Art Education Association – <http://www.azarted.org/>

Back to the Future:

Celebrating the Past, Present and Future of AAEA

Come help celebrate AAEA's anniversary and dive into art education's future in this year's conference up in the pines of Prescott.



November 5-7, 2015

At Pinerock Camp and Retreat Center in Prescott, Arizona

Please [click here to register](#) now or learn more about conference.

Arizona Dance Education Organization – www.azdeo.org

AzDEO's College Connections Expo

An opportunity for High School students to connect and learn about opportunities in Dance in our Higher Education Institutions, and for Higher Education Institutions to market their program and recruit High School students. Also for Community College students interested in transferring to a four-year institution.

Saturday, September 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Arizona State University -Tempe

\$10.00 per higher ed institution and individual students.

\$50 for a group of 7 students from one school or studio.

To register, contact Lynn Monson at lmanson@cox.net for details. Registration deadline is **September 4th**.

Arizona Music Educators Association – www.azmea.org

2016 Arizona Music Educators Conference, January 29-30, 2016

Phoenix Mesa Marriott, Mesa, AZ

Help shape the 2016 AMEA Conference. **The Session Proposal form is now available!**

Suggested sessions can be:

- one or more sessions on entirely different topics (submit a separate form for each topic)
- a series of sessions on a related topic (indicate the number of sessions and their subtitles within the description)
- a panel discussion or some other type of presentation involving more than one presenter (you may include names of proposed presenters or provide information that will allow AMEA to locate participants)

Deadline for submitting session proposals for this year's conference is **October 15th, 2015**. [Submit a session here.](#)

Arizona State Thespians - <http://arizonathespians.com/>

AZ Thespians has launched a new website! Click on the link above and browse the new site with great resources for you, your students and your parents. And remember to pencil in state festival, scheduled for **November 21-22** in downtown Phoenix!

Interested in exhibiting or presenting at the festival? Presenter festival registration opens August 17, 2015. You can put in a proposal as well as your tech needs at [AZ Thespian Festival Presenter Application](#)

Questions? Contact Linda Phillips at linda.phillips@arizonathespians.com

OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

School Registration for Arizona Poetry Out Loud Now Open

Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a national poetry recitation contest for high schools that provides free classroom materials for teachers and scholarship opportunities for students. POL is open to all Arizona students, grades 9-12. Registration for the 2015-2016 season of Poetry Out Loud will be open through October 30, 2015.

REGISTER

Professional Development Grant Cycle B

DEADLINE: October 1, 2015

Professional Development Grants provide funding support to Arizona artists, arts administrators and arts educators for participation in artistic development and skills building activities or opportunities that contribute to professional growth and career development. [Click here to learn more](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FROM ARIZONA'S ARTS AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS



Educator Preview Night at the Mesa Arts Center

August 20, 2015 | 4:30-6:30pm

At this free event, educators can preview upcoming shows, pre-register before the public for National Geographic Live! and Performing Live for Students, win prizes, and learn more about the range of arts and cultural experiences the Mesa Arts Center offers for elementary, junior high and high schools. [Click here to learn more](#)

Educator Arts Day and Resource Fair

August 22, 2015 | 9:00am-3:00pm

Hosted by the Phoenix Art Museum, this free event will provide hands-on professional development workshops in art, music and theatre in the morning, followed by an afternoon resource fair where educators can learn more about the opportunities offered by various arts and culture organizations. Event includes catered lunch, workshop materials, prize raffles, teaching resources, and continuing education credits.

[Click here to learn more](#)



AZ Opera offers STUDENT NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Special tickets are available for the final dress rehearsal of every mainstage opera. These nights are reserved specifically for students to get swept away by great music and stories- while enhancing classroom learning with pre and post-show presentations. Registration is required.

<u>Arizona Lady</u>	<u>Tucson Music Hall</u>	10/8/15
<u>Florencia en el Amazonas</u>	<u>Phoenix Symphony Hall</u>	11/12/15
<u>Carmen</u>	<u>Tucson Music Hall</u>	1/28/16
<u>Don Giovanni</u>	<u>Phoenix Symphony Hall</u>	2/24/16
<u>Falstaff</u>	<u>Phoenix Symphony Hall</u>	3/30/16

All performances begin at 7:00pm. Pre Performance Lectures begin at 6:00pm

Payment Information

All orders require a \$5 handling fee. Student tickets are \$5 (Title 1 tickets are free). All adult chaperone tickets

are \$10.

Visit <https://www.azopera.org/education/student-night-opera?wssl=1> to book tickets now and please let us know if you have any further questions!

Ballet AZ offerings for schools and students!



The new school year is upon us and we are pleased to offer **Coppélia**, **The Nutcracker**, and **The Sleeping Beauty** for our student matinees this season. To register, [click here](#). *Please don't forget that we have special allowances for title one schools.*

We also have our in-classroom presentation called **Class Warm Up** partnered with **Grand Canyon University** teaching candidates. We bring a presentation on the ballet and an arts integration lesson to your classroom for FREE. They will be scheduled 2-3 weeks before the matinee. It is an added benefit to attending our student matinees.

More information is available on these programs at www.balletaz.org.

Valley Youth Theatre – Literacy and the Arts Program available for free for Title I schools!

The school shows begin on August, 19th. As part of the Literacy and the Arts program, these students also receive a new book and an education study guide relevant to the production. To reserve seats, please contact Israel at Israel Jimenez at israel@vyt.com

Literacy and the Arts Performances 2015-2016 Season

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Herberger Center Theatre

Wednesday, August 19 9:30AM (375 seats) + 11:30AM (600 seats)

James and the Giant Peach

Valley Youth Theatre

Thursday, October 15 11:30AM (200 seats)

Thursday, October 22 11:30AM (200 seats)

A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Tail

Valley Youth Theatre

Thursday, December 17 9:30AM (200 seats)

Pinocchio

Valley Youth Theatre

Thursday, February 11 9:30AM (200 seats)

Thursday, February 18 9:30AM (200 seats)

Pinkalicious

Valley Youth Theatre

Thursday, April 21 9:30AM (200 seats)

RESTORE ARTS

Recycled Musical Instrument Program Back by Popular

Demand!

Restore Arts has accepted the challenge of continuing the successful “**Old Instruments - New Life**” musical instrument recycling program that ended when **Ear Candy Charities** merged with a national nonprofit. **Restore Arts** primary mission is to reestablish the effort to collect unused instruments and connect them with music classrooms and programs that are in need. Educators know music influences all aspects of learning. To that end the following support is available:

- Finding requested instruments – for your classroom or for a student.
- Repairing instruments – Assisting in the logistics and cost of repairing your current instrument inventory through collaborations with the arts community.
- Showcasing Talent – **Restore Arts** will assist in school concerts to both show off student skills and raise money for the music programs and instrument repairs on your campus.

How can you help?

Define your need – If you are in need of instruments or have a stash of instruments in need of repair contact us now so we can help you in time for fall classes!

Spread the word – Many faculty and families around you may know of instruments that haven’t been played in years. We will help them give “**Old Instruments, New Life**”.

Restore Arts is your partner in changing the world through music. For more information, please contact us at information@restorearts.org or visit www.restorearts.org.

Arizona Humanities Council Humanities Awards



The Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) is accepting award nominations for three awards given annually. Of special interest to teachers may be the Rising Star Award. Given annually by Arizona Humanities (AH), this award recognizes a young professional, student, or volunteer with outstanding and creative approaches to engaging the public with humanities topics. Considerations will focus on scholarship in the humanities, service to the humanities, the enhancement of public understanding of the humanities and other humanities-related

endeavors.

Criteria

Nominees for the Humanities Rising Star award must be 18-35 years of age and meet the following qualifications:

- 1) Builds understanding and appreciation of the humanities through his/her work in museums, libraries, educational organizations, civic groups or other community-based group;
- 2) Conducts research, creative activity, and service to humanities efforts in Arizona; and/or
- 3) Conducts community outreach activities that link one or more humanities disciplines with the public and/or makes a significant contribution to his/her community by promoting civil discourse and/or civic engagement.

AH supports public programming in the humanities that promotes understanding of human thoughts, actions, creations, and values. AH works with museums, libraries, and other cultural and educational organizations to bring humanities programs to residents throughout Arizona. Our mission is to build a just and civil society by creating opportunities to explore our shared human experiences through discussion, learning and reflection.

For more information, [click here](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Thank you for all that you do to support arts education in Arizona! Have information to share with arts educators in

our state? Send them to ArtsEd@azed.gov. E-newsletters will be sent out monthly.

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